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Prior to taking the above-identified application under consideration, please amend the application as follows:

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Please add new claims 83-116, as provided below:

83. (NEW) A method for building an address table for a port of a first ring switch in a ring network of a plurality of ring switches, the method comprising:
receiving a data packet at a first port of the first ring switch;
reading the source address from the data packet; and
storing the source address in an address table for the first ring switch that indicates that the data packet originated from a network device, not including another of the plurality of ring switches, associated with a second, different port of the first ring switch so as to allow unidirectional transmission on the ring network.

84. (NEW) The method of claim 83, wherein the step of reading a source address comprises the step of reading a source address from an Ethernet packet.

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